Last time when I moved for a supplementary grant for meeting the election charges, I said that the Election Commissioners may have to be continued for some time more to finish the work entrusted to them. I may now mention for the information of the House that out of 6 petitions, five have been disposed of and the remaining one will be disposed of shortly. They will not require any more money on this account. As regards the second item, the Advisory Committee have suggested the purchase of a few books for the Library. Some furniture also has to be purchased, I request that the honourable House may be pleased to sanction this grant.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XX—FISHERIES.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panickar: Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 10,000 under Demand XX—Fisheries. The House knows that Government are supplying salt to Fish curers at concessional rates. But the Excise Department has to be given credit to the extent of concession shown, that is the difference between the actual issue price and the concessional price. This amount has to be given as allotment to the Fishery Department so that that Department may give credit to the Excise Department. In fact it is only a book adjustment. I request the House to grant the Supplementary Demand asked for.

President: I may also add that a large demand has come from the Military for the supply of smoked fish and attempts are made to supply as much fish as possible and curing operations are going on pretty quickly.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXVI—AYURVEDA.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 19,500 under Demand XXVI—Ayurveda. The grant is for the purchase of drugs and preparation of medicines in the Ayurveda Pharmacy. This Demand has to be split up into two *i. e.* Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 12,500. The first item of Rs. 7,000 is for the purchase of medicines and for the payment of medicines already purchased for supply to the Ayurveda Hospital at Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum. Some additional medicines were required for these hospitals on account of the increased popularity of these institutions.

The other item of Rs. 12,500 is to be provided under Debt Head Charges. Honourable members might be aware that the Ayurveda Department is running a pharmacy also. Government have advanced some money to buy drugs, prepare medicines and supply them to the public. The money advanced will be recouped and credited. So this is only an advance recoverable.

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Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know whether the provision includes money for the purchase of vessels for the preparation of 'Kashayams'?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: No. Government are aware of the great difficulty experienced by them due to want of sufficient number of vessels. But they are very costly now.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXVII—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 17,340 under Demand XXVII—Public Health and Sanitation. Out of this, Rs. 6 440 is required for the purchase of Pip Ready-to-spray Insecticide. It is an insecticide meant for the control of malaria. The other amount of Rs. 10,900 is to pay the cost of quinine and other anti-malaria drugs. For the improvement of Sambavar Villages in South Travancore some contingency expenses were also incurred. I request the House will be pleased to sanction the amount.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: May I know out of Rs. 10,900 the amount required for T. A. and contingency separately?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: About Rs. 800 for T. A. and the other for contingencies.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: With regard to this Demand I have to say a few words. I oppose the motion with a view to bring to the attention of the Government the necessity for making Thovala a Sanitary Conservancy unit as early as possible.

President: The rule with regard to Supplementary Demands is that general discussion does not take place under that Head. Any question that arises out of the particular grant alone is open to discussion. Therefore, the sanitary rehabilitation of Thovala has nothing to do with the insecticide, so far as I can gather. This Demand is meant for a particular epidemic.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: Sir, then I do not press it here.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: I rise to oppose the Demand. There have been complaints and I believe adjournment motions were tabled and pressed for elsewhere regarding the prevalence of malaria particularly in my constituency. So far as I am aware very little has been done in the matter of investigation to find out whether the disease was malaria or something else. I wonder whether the Departmental Head has gone and visited at least a certain number of patients in those localities. They did not get down samples of the patients' blood to see whether it is malaria or some other disease. So far as I am aware, no such thing has been done.

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